

YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN, LUTON 62/63

By Peter Hewitt

WALSALL 1, LUTON 1

A HARSH penalty decision for hands against left-back John Bramwell after 14 minutes cost Luton a point. But they could hardly complain about it after missing a penalty themselves.

In the case of Penalty No. 1, Walsall right-winger George Meek cracked the ball straight at left-back John Bramwell, who was standing two yards away. Even Walsall seemed surprised when the kick was awarded.

Granville Palin's spot kick put Walsall back into the game just when Luton—ahead after only four minutes from a screaming right-foot volley by Bob Morton—looked like taking command.

In the case of Penalty No. 2, Gordon Turner shot two yards wide in the 22nd minute after Tony Eden had brought down Tommy McKechnie.

Both teams failed to master the wind and will have to improve considerably if they are to avoid meeting each other in the Third Division next season.

Too close

The ball was continually kicked over the stands, and it seemed beyond most players to keep it on the ground.

Luton played too close, while Walsall had the right ideas, but their shooting failed to match up.

There was a groan from the Walsall fans when they heard that goal-scoring left-winger Colin Taylor was unfit. But Gordon Wills, playing in his right position for the first time since his transfer from Leicester, gave an improved display.

Luton's attack seemed more troubled by the wind than Walsall. They owed much to the cool positional play of Morton and fine headwork by Terry Kelly.

WALSALL. — Boswell 6; Palin 6; Sharples 5; ★HILL 7, Eden 5, Dudley 6; Meek 4, O'Neill 4, Wiggin 5, Hodgkinson 6, Wills 6.

LUTON.—Baynham 6; Daniel 6, Bramwell 6; ★MORTON 7, Kelly 6, Pace 5; Clarke 4, Turner 5, Davies 4, Grove 5, McKechnie 5.

Referee: L. J. Tirebuck (Halifax), 6.